

NICK TUATASI

On Tuesday morning the Year Six children got on the bus at 5.45am, it was an early wake up but we were all really excited because it was Young Leaders. We went and picked up the other kids from Fairlie at 6.15am then headed to Christchurch. At 9am we were in Christchurch at Young Leaders. We got off the bus and each of us put on a band, then we went inside to Young Leaders. We had a bit of time until it started so we went and bought our Young Leaders pin, bag, or pencil. When we went into the theatre we got a booklet. The booklet was to write quotes and good advice in. We all went to get our seats in the theatre. Suddenly three beach balls came flying out from the stage, they went all around the theatre until Alice Gallagher (one of the hosts) came on stage. When Alice came on stage everyone had to pass the balls up the front. Just then Charlie Panapa from What Now raced on stage. We were just about to have an awesome day. Then the day got even more awesome when Nick Tuitasi came on stage. Nick Tuitasi QSM is a policeman and he runs a Gym with Inga. He told us some quotes and this was one of them –

Be careful of your thoughts because they become words.
Be careful of your words because they become actions.
Be careful of your actions because they become habits.
Be careful of you habits because they become your character.
Be careful of your character because that becomes your destiny.



He told a few stories too. He said we are all designed with a talent. Keep practising that talent and it becomes a skill. Nick has seen so much violence but he is a normal person just like us. You don't have to be anyone special to become someone special. You have to plug into your potential.

We lack really good leaders. Your talent can get you there but your character will keep you there. Don't say "I can't do that". It is important to take risks. Failure is not failure until you stop trying. When someone gossips about someone else find something positive to say in return.

That is the reputation a young leader needs. Friends can take you to the 2 P's. Parliament or Prison. Be careful about the friends you hang out with and what they are saying. Pressure is so great at our age. Not all friends have the best intentions for you e.g. some friends you have don't want you to succeed. This is the Tall Poppy Syndrome. Be an encourager.

Vitamin E for the Soul.

Soul is mind

Will (Determination)

Emotions (I like that feeling)

If you are encouraging to a person this will help them reach their potential.

Nick said 'there are not enough people going round saying "You're doing well"'. People feel encouraged by positive comments. Nick has had a series of set back in his life but a series of miracles have got him to where he is today.

In 1997 - he won the Paul Harris Award for work in the community.

1998 – QSM

2000 - Top 100 successful Kiwi's

2006 - Living Legend award (one of six)

Leadership is about being ready for any situation. Are you prepared?

Sally and Harry